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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Uwe Bunte  
Applic. No. : 09/597,351  
Filed : June 19, 2000  
Title : Configuration for Separating Cavities  
Examiner : Michael Safavi  
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Responsive to the non-final Office action dated June 5, 2002,  
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (twice amended). A configuration for separating  
cavities for sealing or sound-proofing, comprising:

a heat-expansible element constructed as a contoured ring-like  
plate;

a retaining device to be positioned in a cross-sectional  
region of a cavity, said retaining device having two

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